

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~Spring-supported~~ A spring-supported suspension means for noise protection elements, comprising:

[-]a spring [(6)];

[-] a first and second spring mount ~~mounts (5, 7);~~

wherein a first end of the first [(one)] spring mount ~~(7) being is~~ is secured on [(the)] a suspension device [(8)] and a first end of the spring ~~(6) being is~~ is screwed onto a second end of the first spring mount [(7)], and

wherein a first end of the second spring mount ~~(5) being is~~ is secured in a hole of [(the)] a noise protection element [(3)] by means of a first and second clamping disc ~~discs (2, 4)~~ and a second end of the second spring mount is [(being)] screwed into a second end of the spring [(6)] to an extent to allow elastic suspension of the noise protection element ~~such that approx. 3 revolutions of the spring (6) remain free, and~~

a first side of the first clamping disc contacts the noise protection element, and

a second side of the first clamping disc opposite the first side of the first clamping disc contacts the second spring mount, such that

the first clamping disc is sandwiched between the noise protection element and the second spring mount.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The spring-supported suspension means according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the stiffness of the spring [(6)] is between 15 000 N/m and 25 000 N/m.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~[[Noise]]~~ A noise barrier comprising a base, ~~which is known per se,~~ of a supporting structure ~~which is known per se,~~ and suspension means, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein ~~[[the]]~~ noise protection elements are secured by means of the spring-supported suspension means according to Claim 1.

Claim 4 (New): The spring-supported suspension means according to Claim 1, wherein the spring is a coil spring.

Claim 5 (New): The spring-supported suspension means according to Claim 4, wherein the second spring mount is screwed into the second end of the spring to an extent such that approximately 3 revolutions of the spring remain free.

Claim 6 (New): The spring-supported suspension means according to Claim 1, wherein the spring is a torsion bar.

Claim 7 (New): The spring-supported suspension means according to Claim 1, wherein the spring includes polymer, metal alloy, rubber, wood, aluminum, stainless steel, or mineral material.

Claim 8 (New): The spring-supported suspension means according to Claim 1, wherein the noise protection element includes single-pane safety glass, composite safety glass, polymers, or composite materials.

Claim 9 (New): The spring-supported suspension means according to Claim 8, wherein the noise protection element includes acrylic glass.

Claim 10 (New): The noise barrier according to claim 3, wherein a resonant frequency of a system, comprising the noise protection element, suspension device, and supporting structure, is greater than 0.5 Hz.

Claim 11 (New): The spring-supported suspension means according to claim 1, wherein the first and second spring mount include steel, glass-fiber-reinforced polymer, or polymer.

Claim 12 (New): The spring-supported suspension means according to claim 1, wherein the first and second spring mount each have grooves on an outer surface configured to engage the spring in a form-fitting and frictional manner.

Claim 13 (New): The spring-supported suspension means according to claim 4, wherein the spring includes steel wire.